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SUBJECT: VISIT OF INTERIOR DEPARTMENT TEAM

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FOR FISH, WILDLIFE
AND PARKS, ROBERT HERBST, ASKS U.S. ARMY HELICOPTER SUPPORT
FOR VISUAL RECONAISSANCE OF CANAL ZONE AREAS BEING PROPOSED
AS PARK FOR PANAMANIAN.

2. SMITHSONIAN TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (STRI) HOLDS
LICENSE TO PROPERTY AND PROPOSES TO DEVELOP AND MANAGE IT
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AS A PARK IN COOPERATION WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES OF THE PAN-
AMANIAN GOVERNMENT. SMITHSONIAN WOULD RETAIN STEWARDSHIP
UNTIL YEAR 2000 (ASSUMING PASSAGE OF CANAL TREATIES) OR
LONGER IF PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT DESIRES. SMITHSONIAN HAS
ASKED SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR IN OBTAINING FI-
NANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECT AND IN DEVELOPING PLANS AND
FACILITIES.

3. INTERIOR TEAM (6 PERSONS) ARRIVING PANAMA CITY 222230
(LOCAL) APRIL 78 ON PANAMA 515 FROM SAN JOSE AND STAYING
EXECUTIVE HOTEL. STRI HAS MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS. REQUEST
HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION FROM PANAMA CITY AT ABOUT 230800
(LOCAL) APRIL FOR OVERFLIGHT OF PIPELINE ROAD AREA, BOHIO

PENINSULA AND BARRO COLORADO ISLAND WITH DROPOFF AT
LANDING ZONE VICINITY GAMBOA. INTERIOR TEAM AND SMITHSONIAN
PERSONNEL WILL TOTAL EIGHT TO TEN. PROBABLE REQUIREMENT:
TWO SLICKS, LESS THAN TWO HOURS OF BLADE TIME EACH.

4. SENIOR MAN IN INTERIOR TEAM WILL BE TERRY WOLKERSTORFER,
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS TO THE ASSIST-
ANT SECRETARY. ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE CONFIRMED TO
WOLKERSTORFER THROUGH EMBASSY SAN JOSE DURING PERIOD 14
APRIL TO 21 APRIL. IRA RUBINOFF, DIRECTOR OF SMITHSONIAN
TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, ALSO BE NOTIFIED AND REQUESTED
TO MEET TEAM AT TOCUMEN.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HELICOPTER
FLIGHT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 3. LTC. JACK BARNES AT
SOUTHCOM IS FAMILIAR WITH THE TEAM'S REQUEST. DOD/ISA HAS
INFORMED DESK THAT EMBASSY PANAMA WILL BE CHARGED AS THE
REQUESTER OF THE SERVICE. EMBASSY PANAMA SHOULD MAKE AR-
RANGEMENTS WITH TRAVELERS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CHARGES BY
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INTERIOR. WOLKERSTORFER REQUESTED TO CONTACT HIS OFFICE
FOR FISCAL DATA. INTERIOR APPRECIATES EMBASSY ASSISTANCE
AND SOUTHCOM COOPERATION. CHRISTOPHER

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